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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/023,710

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For: INJECTION MOLDING METHOD AND
APPARATUS, AND MOLDED PRODUCT
OBTAINED FROM THE METHOD

Group Art Unit: 1732

Examiner: LECHERT JR, S.

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated February 25, 2004, Applicant herein elects group I corresponding to claims 1-10 and 12, drawn to a method and product by process, classified in class 264, subclass 297.2, **with traverse** for prosecution in the present application.

Applicant traverses the outstanding Restriction Requirement as the outstanding Restriction Requirement has not established that an undue burden would be required if the Restriction Requirement was not issued and if all the claims were examined together. More particularly, MPEP §803 states:

If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions.

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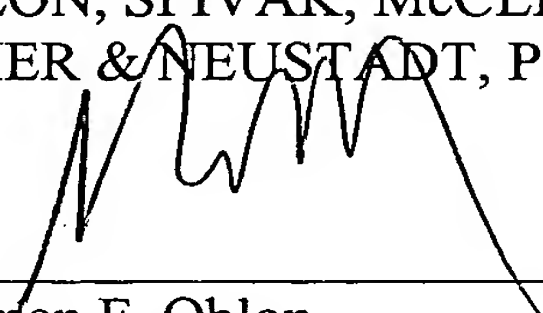
In the present application any search of the elected method claims would also include the classes and subclasses appropriate for searching the apparatus claims, and so then would be no undue burden if all of the claims were examined together.

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